

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

June 18, 1981


Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of Texas, I herewith veto House Bill 1143 for the following reasons:

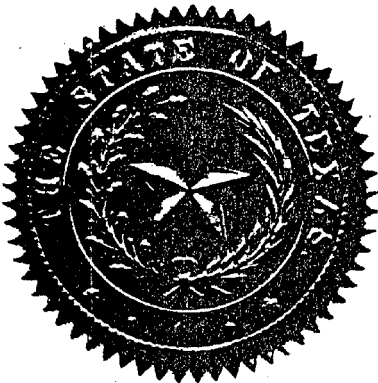
Part of this bill creates a fund to pay attorneys to defend indigents and local court fees by adding fees to district and county level court cases. Another part of the bill requires the state to pay out of general revenue the costs of transcripts. Dallas County alone spent \$315,957 for transcripts for indigent defendants. The fiscal note attached to the bill does not reflect this cost multiplied by the rest of the state.

This bill creates additional costs in misdemeanor and felony cases against non-indigent defendants. One of the complaints from local officials is that the costs of court continues to escalate and thereby have reduced the ability to assess fines appropriate with the offense because the total dollar cost to the defendant is becoming very high.

Because the cost to the state has not been determined in funding transcripts for indigent defense by the state, and the continued rise in added costs to fines, I therefore veto House Bill 1143.

Respectfully,


William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor



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